

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Application No.: 10/668,317

**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Applicants follow the paragraphing of the Examiner.

**Paragraph 2**

The Title of the Examiner is adopted.

**Paragraph 3a.**

The specification is amended as the Examiner suggested.

**Paragraph 3b.**

Claims 18 and 20 are amended as the Examiner suggested.

Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is requested.

**Paragraph 5**

In claims 18 and 20 M represents an alkaline earth metal and M' represents Ca, Mg or combination thereof.

Elements (b) and (d) in claims 18 and 20 are amended to reflect this.

Withdrawal is requested.

**Paragraph 6**

Applicants follow the Examiner's first suggestion and rewrite "iron sulfide mixture" as "iron sulfide composition".

**Paragraph 7**

Applicants amend claims 36 and 37 to read like claim 35 but depend from claims 21 and 22, respectively.

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Withdrawal of all rejections is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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